

## spectacle

[ˈspektək(ə)] *n*

### 1. зрелище, сцена

moving [magnificent] spectacle - трогательное[великолепное] зрелище

sad spectacle - печальное зрелище, печальная сцена

she was a sad spectacle - она представляла собой жалкое зрелище

to make a spectacle of oneself - а) привлекать к себе всеобщее внимание; б) стать посмешищем

### 2. представление, спектакль

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**spec·ta·cle** [spectacle spectacles] *BrE* [ˈspektəkl̩] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [ˈspektəkl̩] <sup>u</sup> *noun*

### 1. spectacles plural (formal) = glasses

- a pair of spectacles

- a spectacle case (= to put your glasses in)

### 2. countable, uncountable a performance or an event that is very impressive and exciting to look at

- The carnival parade was a magnificent spectacle.

### 3. countable a sight or view that is very impressive to look at

- The sunset was a stunning spectacle.

### 4. singular an unusual or surprising sight or situation that attracts a lot of attention

- I remember the sad spectacle of her standing in her wedding dress, covered in mud.

I diom ↑ make a spectacle of yourself

### Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin **spectaculum** ‘public show’, from **spectare**, frequentative of **specere** ‘to look’.

### Example Bank:

- I attended solely to witness the sheer spectacle of a political rally.

- The Olympics are a wonderful visual spectacle.

- the sad spectacle of him struggling to keep up with the younger players

- The wide plain, with thousands of wildebeest on the move, was an awesome spectacle.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**spec·ta·cle** /ˈspektəkəl/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin spectaculum, from spectare; ⇒ ↑ **spectator**]

### 1. a very impressive show or scene:

• a multimedia dance and opera spectacle

### 2. [usually singular] an unusual or interesting thing or situation that you see or notice – used especially in order to show disapproval:

• The trial was turned into a **public spectacle**.

### spectacle of

• the spectacle of drunken young men on the streets

### 3.



**spectacles** [plural] *formal old-fashioned* glasses that help you see

### 4. make a spectacle of yourself to behave in an embarrassing way that is likely to make other people notice you and laugh at you

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## THESAURUS

### ■ something that you see

- **sight** something that you see: A herd of elephants is a magnificent sight. | Even Charles cheered up at the sight of the food.

- **view** the area you can see from a window or place, especially when it is beautiful: The view from the top of the mountain is amazing. | The hotel has great views of Lake Windermere. | We had a good view of the firework display.

- **panorama** an impressive view of a very large area that stretches a long way across in front of you: a panorama of snow-covered hills and mountains

- **vista** *written* a view of a large area of beautiful scenery – used in written descriptions: The road around the island offers some spectacular vistas.

- **scene** what you see in a place, especially where people are moving around and doing things: Reporters described the horrific scenes which followed the bombing. | His pictures are mainly of local scenes.

- **spectacle** something that you see that is very unusual, surprising, or strange: It must have been an unusual spectacle. | |

leaned over the balcony to get a look at the spectacle below.

▪ **visuals** [plural] pictures or parts of a film, video etc that people can see, as opposed to the parts you can hear: Good visuals will help keep your audience's attention.

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